



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held January 8, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“On October 17, 2007, on the campus of Los Angeles Trade Technical College, Sheriff’s deputies from the Community College Bureau detained students, the majority of whom were black, while engaging in an operation to quell the sales of illegal narcotics on campus. Allegations of racial profiling were raised immediately, and I contacted the Sheriff to obtain information on the tactics and methods used by his deputies in this incident. He assured me that this was not an incident of racial profiling, that he appeared immediately before the Los Angeles Community College District’s Board of Trustees to discuss this issue, and made himself available to civil rights and student groups as well.

“The Board of Trustees has now found, through an internal investigation, that this incident did involve racial profiling by the deputies of the Sheriff’s Department. If this is the case, we must engage immediately in steps to address the actions of the Sheriff’s deputies and the policies of the Sheriff’s Department. If this is not the case, then the Sheriff’s Department, when practical, must make its operations more transparent, or perhaps better communicate with all parties involved.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board directed the Office of Independent Review to conduct an independent investigation and assessment of the events concerning this incident, and to provide a written report to the Board within 90 days.

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